

## Message

**From:** Berkoff, Michael [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F347C01A92D7424FA840C24F6B7FBF6B-MBERKOFF]  
**Sent:** 8/14/2014 5:15:03 PM  
**To:** Winna Guzman [WGuzman@eastchicago.com]  
**Subject:** RE: [Fwd: RE: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site]

Winna,  
 Things are going well. EPA is looking forward to meeting with all of you. I will pass around September 4th as a potential date and get back to you.  
 Michael

-----Original Message-----

From: Winna Guzman [mailto:WGuzman@eastchicago.com]  
 Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:24 AM  
 To: Berkoff, Michael  
 Subject: RE: [Fwd: RE: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site]  
 Importance: High

Hi Michael,

I hope everything is well. I want to see if we can move on setting a meeting with the City Administration and EPA. I spoke with the Mayor's office and September 4th is open to meet. Could you please let me know if this would work, or give me a couple of available dates to meet. Thank you and have a great day!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Berkoff, Michael [mailto:berkoff.michael@epa.gov]  
 Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 2:12 PM  
 To: Goldfarb, Eugene  
 Cc: beth.grigsby@cardno.com; Kaiser, Steven; Clements, Mindy; Winna Guzman  
 Subject: RE: [Fwd: RE: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site]

Eugene,  
 Are you sure that it would not be better to answer these questions in a larger group setting? We are hoping to have one with East Chicago very soon. As these are important questions, I think that it would be beneficial if they were posed and answered in a larger group setting so that everyone could participate in the resultant discussion.  
 Michael

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldfarb, Eugene [mailto:egoldf1@uic.edu]  
 Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 1:53 PM  
 To: Berkoff, Michael  
 Cc: beth.grigsby@cardno.com  
 Subject: [Fwd: RE: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site]

Have you given any thought yet to when it would be convenient for me to drop by & discuss this?

Hope to see you soon  
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----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site  
 From: "Goldfarb, Eugene" <egoldf1@uic.edu>  
 Date: Thu, August 7, 2014 5:29 pm  
 To: "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov>  
 Cc: "beth.grigsby@cardno.com" <beth.grigsby@cardno.com>

"Kaiser, Steven" <kaiser.steven@epa.gov>  
 "Clements, Mindy" <clements.mindy@epa.gov>  
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Thanks for being so accommodating on such short notice.

I'm just busy Wed AM - anything else will work

I look forward to discussing this  
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On Thu, August 7, 2014 5:12 pm, Berkoff, Michael wrote:

> Eugene,  
 > We would be happy to meet with you. Based upon your email, we have a  
 > number of things to discuss. Would you be available Tuesday or  
 > Wednesday of next week? Mindy, Steve, and Jim please also let me know  
 > if you are available either of those days.  
 > Michael  
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 > -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Goldfarb, Eugene [mailto:egoldf1@uic.edu]  
 > Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 2:13 PM  
 > To: Berkoff, Michael  
 > Cc: beth.grigsby@cardno.com  
 > Subject: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site  
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 > Is there any time next week (or Friday) when it'd be convenient to sit  
 > down & talk?  
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 > Looking forward to working with you  
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 > Subject: RE: E Chicago Superfund Demolition  
 > From: "Winna Guzman" <WGuzman@eastchicago.com>  
 > Date: Thu, August 7, 2014 1:03 pm  
 > To: "Goldfarb, Eugene" <egoldf1@uic.edu>  
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 > Hi Eugene,  
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 > Thank you again! I have forwarded an email to M.Berkoff and advised  
 > him that you will be working with the City and that you would be  
 > contacting him in the near future.  
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> -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Goldfarb, Eugene [mailto:egoldf1@uic.edu]  
 > Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 12:07 PM  
 > To: Winna Guzman; Maria C. Becerra  
 > Cc: beth.grigsby@cardno.com; baleven@ksu.edu

> Subject: E Chicago Superfund Demolition  
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> Thanks again for showing me around and setting up a meeting with the  
> Mayor and City Attorney yesterday. I'm looking forward to working on  
> this project!!  
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> My understanding is that we're trying to coordinate the USEPA  
> Superfund cleanup with the demolition of 27 properties (single family  
> homes) funded through the State's hardest hit program.  
> <http://www.877gethope.org/blight>  
>  
> The Mayor understands that we're all dealing with the same taxpayers &  
> it doesn't make sense to remove the soil & replace with fill, & then  
> go back & demolish the structures later - that the government should  
> do everything as part of one coordinated operation in order to reduce  
> overall time and expenses, as well as disruption to the community.  
> The hope is that the City/State demolition funding can be mixed with  
> the USEPA cleanup funding to provide the most efficient use of public money.  
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> When I look at USEPA's administrative record on the cleanup I see the  
> remedial action objectives were supposed to include citizen  
> participation and "anticipate future land use scenarios" but I didn't  
> see any recognition of the deleterious effect designation and the  
> prolonged cleanup have had on the neighborhood - the home abandonment  
> and the spread of slum & blight, nor any indication that USEPA is  
> willing to recognize that these factors are part of the overall  
> problem (& solution). I think there is some authority that this should take place.  
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> 40 CFR 300.430 (a)(1)(ii)(C) provides that site-specific data needs,  
> the evaluation of alternatives, and the documentation of the selected  
> remedy \*\*\*should reflect the scope and complexity of the site problems  
> being  
> addressed.\*\*\*  
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> and 300.430 (c) (2)(ii)(A) provides that EPA should  
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> Ensure the public appropriate opportunities for involvement in a wide  
> variety of site-related decisions, including site analysis and  
> characterization, alternatives analysis, and selection of remedy;  
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> The Mayor said that he's looking forward to a full blown meeting with  
> him, the City Attorney & USEPA but I'd like to start discussions with  
> USEPA and hopefully work something out before we bring the Mayor in.  
> Have you had a chance to contact Mike Berkoff so that he'll be expecting my call/email?  
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> On my end Beth Grigsby of Cardno ATC is on board but we're waiting to  
> hear from TAB to see if we can do this under TAB or not. Given the  
> Mayor's desire to move as quickly as possible I've started to work on  
> this even before we work that out.  
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> All the best  
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